

TEXARKANA ISD LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHARTER

November 2022 Bond

Champions:

Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Membership:

Long Range Planning Committee Members

Scope of Work:

- Consideration and analysis of data related to possible bond election
- Basic knowledge of public school finance issues and district financial data
- Review of district facility, technology, and safety and security needs
- Collaborative formulation of bond package recommendations
- Participation in follow-up activities that result from bond proposal

Parameters or Constraints:

- District Strategic Plan
- Whole-district considerations
- Students' needs
- Sound financial and facility-use stewardship
- Legislative mandates
- Established district processes
- Adequate and equitable communications
- Timeline for November 2022 bond election
- Board of Trustees action
- Agreed-upon ground rules, decision-making and Charter

Capabilities and Strengths:

- Professional district resource people, demographer, architect and instructional experts
- Past bond referendum information and historical data
- Accurate financial data and construction cost data
- Diversity, knowledge and expertise of committee individually and collectively

Follow-up Responsibilities of Committee:

- Participate in voter education process should bond election be called by Board of Trustees
- Review, assimilate and prioritize data for sound and informed decision-making
- Attend each LRPC meeting

Purpose of Group:

Collaborative development of a bond package recommendation for presentation to the Texarkana ISD Board of Trustees and ultimately to the Texarkana ISD community in 2022.

HOW WILL WE MAKE DECISIONS?

If we don't decide how we will decide now, someone will decide for us later.

CONSENSUS AND GRADIENTS OF AGREEMENT

ENDORSEMENT

I like it.

ENDORSEMENT WITH A MINOR POINT OF CONTENTION

Basically, I like it.

AGREEMENT WITH RESERVATIONS

I can live with it.

ABSTAIN

I have no opinion.

STAND ASIDE

I don't like this, but I don't want to hold up the group.

FORMAL DISAGREEMENT, BUT WILLING TO GO WITH THE MAJORITY

I want my disagreement noted in writing, but I'll support the decision.

FORMAL DISAGREEMENT, WITH REQUEST TO BE ABSOLVED OF RESPONSIBILITY

I don't want to stop anyone else, but I don't want to be involved in implementing it.

BLOCK

I veto this proposal.

This is the Community At Work Gradients of Agreement Scale.

This scale makes it easier for participants to be honest. Using it, members can register less-than-whole-hearted support without fearing that their statement will be interpreted as a veto.

PROPOSED DECISION-MAKING MODEL



CONSENSUS

SUSTAINABLE DECISION



80% RULE

SUPER MAJORITY OF 2/3



VOTE

80% RULE

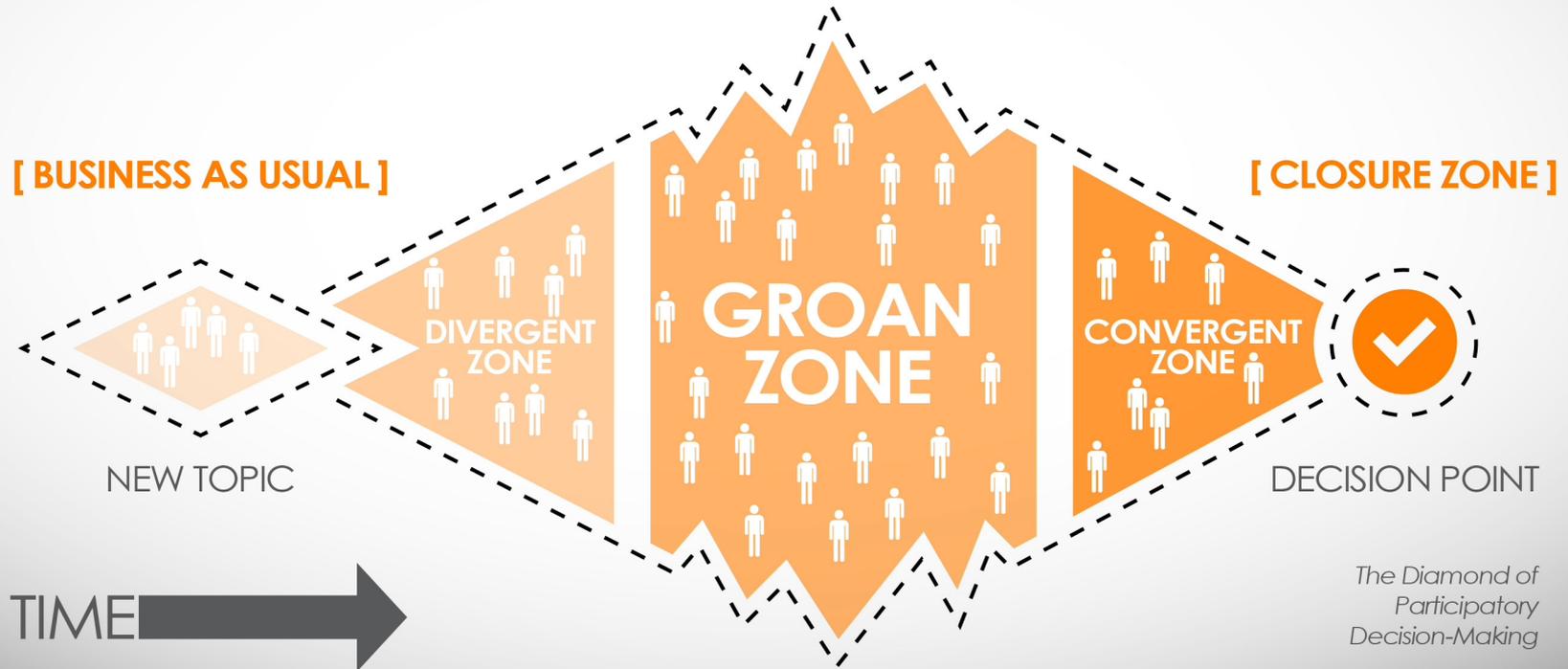
If, after group discussion, consensus is not achievable, 80% agreement will constitute a sustainable decision.

VOTE

If the group is not able to achieve consensus or an 80% agreement, a super majority vote of 2/3 of the committee will constitute a decision.

A super majority vote is the least desirable process

DYNAMICS OF GROUP DECISION-MAKING



*The Diamond of
Participatory
Decision-Making*

BOND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

